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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Bamas-Jacques et al.

Examiner: Wessendorf, Teresa D.

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Title: NOVEL VARIANTS OF THE PAPM POLYPEPETIDE OF BACTERIA OF THE

STREPTOMYCES GENUS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 dated November 11, 2008, Applicants provisionally elect Group XI (Claims 41, 5 – 8, 11 and 15 - 16), drawn to a nucleic acid variant with G828A and C658T, classified in class 536, subclass subclass 23, with traverse. A species election has also been required. Applicants elect S. pristinaespiralis.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and modification of the restriction requirement in view of the following remarks.